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Our Ref: ATISN 7495

Your Ref:

Date: 15 August 2013

Dear Ms Fox

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 July 2013 in which you asked for:

Copies of reports commissioned or authored by the Welsh Government on child sexual abuse from the 1970s to the present

I have interpreted your request to refer to reports commissioned or authored by either the Welsh Government or the Welsh Assembly Government. I can confirm that the Welsh Government came into being in 2011. Prior to that date, from 2006, the organisation was known as the Welsh Assembly Government. To go further back in our records would likely breach Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, which states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information in circumstances where it estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed "the appropriate limit." When calculating whether a request exceeds the appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time (at a standard rate of £25 per hour), the limit will have been exceeded. In this instance, I estimate that they would and, accordingly, the information provided dates from 2006 onwards.

I have identified two reports relating specifically to child sexual abuse falling within the criteria set out above and these are attached to this reply.

In addition, the Welsh Government publishes an annual statistical report on the performance management of children's services. This includes figures on children added to, and removed from, the child protection register by local authority and contains a category specifically on sexual abuse.. Returns from 2001 onwards are also available. This is freely available on the "StatsWales" website and can be accessed via this link:

<https://statswales.wales.gov.uk/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/Social-Services/Childrens-Services/Service-Provision/ChildrenAddedToAndRemovedFromChildProtectionRegister-by-LocalAuthority-Measure>



The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) has not commissioned any reports specifically on child sexual abuse; however it is likely that reference will be made in some of their reports to abuse, specifically those statistics referring to children's services and safeguarding.

All CSSIW reports are published and are freely available via the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/cssiwsuite/newcssiw/publications/;jsessionid=4B72A302B4C4A8C67F255B77356B66C0?lang=en>

CSSIW reports of individual inspections and thematic review can be accessed via this link: <http://wales.gov.uk/cssiwsuite/newcssiw/publications/ourfindings/?lang=en>

If you believe that I have not followed the relevant laws, or you are unhappy with this response, you may request an internal review by writing to:

Joanna Jordan  
Director  
Department for Health, Social Services and Children  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
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When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles set out in the Welsh Government's Code of Practice on Complaints which is available on the Internet at [www.wales.gov.uk](http://www.wales.gov.uk) or by post.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should provide us with an opportunity to undertake an internal review before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 01625 545 745  
Fax: 01625 524 510  
Email: [casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk)

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request then you may make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales  
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Yours sincerely,



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